



# Des Moines WoodTurners Meeting Announcement



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AAW Chapter 158

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**OCTOBER WOODTURNERS MEETING** will be held Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. at the Woodsmith Store and will feature Will Zitterich demonstrating how he turns Christmas spire ornamental tree toppers and a few other unique ornament styles as shown here.



Will uses the lathe to turn the spires but some also require the bandsaw to shape them. He paints some, dyes others and some are mixed with natural colored wood. They range in height from 6 inches to about 18 inches. They are made from any wood but they must be hollowed to keep them light enough to use as a topper or ornament. Basswood or any light colored wood works well. The techniques used are applicable to several other woodturning projects. Hope



you'll join your fellow woodturners in seeing how Will does his hollowing and you might want to ask him for some coloring and finishing hints and tips as well. He's real good at it.

Fall is always a busy time as we get our yards and homes prepared for another Iowa winter. It's also a good time to get in more shop time as cooler weather arrives. We hope you'll take time to turn some of your favorite projects and share them with other members by bringing them to show at the October meeting.

**NOTICE:** Along those lines, at this meeting we'll have both a regular Show and Tell table PLUS two other areas.....one for beginners work and another area for anyone who would like to have their projects critiqued by two of our members. Critiques are meant to help a turner advance their turning skills by getting feedback on how other woodturners perceive your work. The critique would normally include observations of shapes and designs, look for tool marks, check hollowing and wall thicknesses, look for sanding marks and comment on the overall finish applied to the object. All comments are intended to help you advance your woodturning skills.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING WELL ATTENDED

We had 15 new members join at the September meeting and a head count revealed 65 members and guests in attendance to watch Rick Hutcheson whizz through three natural edge bowl projects as only Rick can do.....FAST!



Chuck Dowler, Education and Safety Chair, announced plans for Beginner Turning classes and Pen Turning classes for members of the Des Moines Woodturners later this fall. Anyone interested in having their name added to the list should be sure to fill out an application at the October meeting. There are prerequisite requirements for class attendance.

It was announced that president Paul Miller was sidelined with a heart attack in late August and underwent quad-heart bypass surgery. We're pleased to report he's recovering well at home and should return in October.

A brief discussion was held on the wood harvesting opportunities in central Iowa and how members can participate in the work and share in the bounty. Most are done during the week with very short advance notice. Logs are heavy and having a chainsaw and experience at using one are a real plus. This is HARD WORK!  
E-Mail [dmwoodturner@gmail.com](mailto:dmwoodturner@gmail.com) or phone 515-967-7686 to add your name to the wood harvest contact list.

**ARTISTRY IN WOOD** – Woodturners who are members of the Des Moines Woodworkers Assn. are eligible to participate in Artistry in Wood in October. Entries should not have been previously shown at the event. Projects should be dropped off at Woodsmith’s seminar room on Friday afternoon, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The show is open to the public on Sat and Sun, Oct 19 and 20 during normal Woodsmith hours. Ribbons will be awarded to winners of the woodturning and non-turned category. See the Des Moines Woodworkers Association newsletter for details or contact John Twedt at 515-964-9294.

**DES MOINES WOODTURNERS WEARABLES** - Members wanting Des Moines Woodturning logos embroidered on shirts are advised to purchase shirts of their choice and style. These **BRAND NEW** and **UNWASHED** shirts can then be delivered to any board member and when enough are collected to meet minimums, they will be taken to the embroiderer. Costs to add the standard logo are \$8.00 per item. Personalized names can also be added for an additional \$6.00 per item.

### **JIM HOGUE ADDRESSES WOOD RETURNS TO SHOW AND TELL**



At the September meeting, Jim Hogue spoke to the membership about the lack of Show and Tell items being brought in compared to the amount of wood he provides to members at every meeting. Jim has done an outstanding job (applause here) of providing fantastic wood for members through the candy sales program. This is a real benefit to members that we’d all like to see continued. So let’s step up and share what we turn with our fellow members at all future meetings. Get that wood off the shelf and onto the lathe and make something. Then bring it to the next meeting and share it with us.

Above Jim Hogue and Dave Hendricks share a laugh during Show and Tell regarding Jim’s scolding.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Our chapter is in need of the following volunteers to help with expanding our offerings to members and giving relief to some of our existing volunteers who are wearing too many hats. Pitch in, help out, and be a part of the team that makes things happen. It will pay back handsomely in friendships.

**LIBRARIAN** – we are looking for someone to establish a chapter library of woodturning books, tapes and DVD’s that can be checked out by members. The job will entail soliciting materials for the library from members, recommending purchases to be considered from the chapter treasury and facilitating a storage unit for housing the library that can be kept at the meeting site. In addition, the librarian or their assistants, would be responsible for running the library on chapter meeting days.

**WEBMASTER** – keep the existing site maintained with meeting dates, speakers and other informative information helpful to members.

**A-V SYSTEM SPECIALIST** – set-up and run the video system at meetings and special demonstrations. Multiple volunteers would allow for operator meeting rotation schedules and backup support when unavoidable schedule conflicts arise.

**MEETING BULLETIN EDITOR** – publish the monthly meeting bulletin by e-mail and mail as required. Arrange to gather photos of events to publish along with content information.

**PHOTOGRAPHER** – take digital photos at monthly meetings and special events and provide best photos to meeting bulletin editor and webmaster for their discretionary use.

### **5th Annual Wisconsin Woodturners Expo – Eau Claire, WI Oct 26 and 27, 2013**

The Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild, a 75 member AAW Chapter, will be holding the event at the Plaza Hotel and Suites, 1202 W. Clairemont Ave. in Eau Claire on Saturday from 8 till 6 and Sunday from 8 till 5. You’ll enjoy woodturning demonstrations, exhibitors, vendors and an instant gallery. A Silent Auction will be conducted which is a great opportunity to purchase some holiday gifts. Both national professional turners and local turners will be demonstrating their skills. There will also be “Learn-to-Turn” woodturning workshops where beginners have the opportunity to learn the basics of woodturning. General admission is \$5.00 per day to the vendor, exhibitor and instant gallery areas and \$50.00 for one day of demonstrations or \$75.00 for both days of demonstrations, which includes the exhibitor, vendor and instant gallery area.

**FESTIVAL OF TREES** - all members were asked to start turning ornaments, tree toppers or decorative toys to donate to the Festival of Trees which supports the Blank Park Children's Hospital. This year a tree will be sponsored equally by Des Moines Woodturners, Des Moines Woodworkers Assn., and Mid Iowa Woodcarvers. There will be no competition or prizes awarded but instead all craftsman should be proud to have their ornaments raise thousands of dollars to support the Festival mission.



The Festival has Three Purposes:

1. To develop support and community appreciation of Blank Children's Hospital through a community-wide holiday event.
2. To promote community volunteerism in support of Blank Children's Hospital.
3. To provide revenue to support the [Child Life](#) and [Advocacy & Outreach programs](#) at Blank Children's Hospital.

Both the Child Life and Advocacy & Outreach programs are provided to everyone at little to no cost, and no one is ever turned away for any reason. That is why community support of Festival is so important. Festival revenue helps ensure these important services are available to all children, including the nearly 40 percent of young patients who are either uninsured or underinsured.

In its 29-year history, the Festival of Trees and Lights has provided more than \$6.5 million in financial aid for child life, special programs and projects to serve the unique needs of children as well as with important diagnostic tools and equipment especially for children and their families.

November 27, 2013 - December 03, 2013 at the [Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center at Iowa Events Center](#), 730 3rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50309

Times: Wed 11 - 7 p.m.; Thurs 1 - 7 p.m. Fri & Sat 11 - 7 p.m.; Sun 11 - 5 p.m.

**Down the Road - Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm at the Woodsmith Store**

Member John Hyde of Ankeny is scheduled to demonstrate turning fishing lures. Mark your calendar and let John "catch" you up in his demonstration. Even if you're not a fisherman, I've found there is always something to learn about woodturning no matter what a demonstrator is turning. The techniques and approaches always apply to other turned objects as well.



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